

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
May 11, 2005, 7 p.m.

Present:

President, Susan Pasco

1st Vice President, Jeff Jack

Treasurer, Linda Guerrero

Communications Coordinator, Tim Mahoney

Sector Reps, Dana Lockler, Bob Swaffer, Lorraine Atherton, Mark Boyden (?)

Guest, Mike Meier

1. Call to order 7:05 p.m.
2. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting
3. Treasurer's report: \$1,620 (minus \$75 for AAHSA dues, plus dues from an undetermined number of members). We should be back up to at least 35 paid memberships.
4. Committee reports
 - a. Communications: Sector reps meeting with Tim this weekend. Tim has a plan to work with sector reps to update mailing list for postcards.
 - b. Design standards: Council has approved the insignificant parts of the proposed standards but sent the important stuff back for further study. (Some or all? has moved on to the codification stage.) Jeff expects the economic analysis to take more than two months. Jeff and Laura still need to check the current version carefully to see what has changed.

5. Program planning

May: Code rewrite moved to June (see below).

Presentation of about 15 minutes on towers for reclaimed (gray) water--Mark Boyden will contact?

Main program will be a discussion of the proposed city bond election. Susan will invite all the members of the bond advisory committee appointed so far. There are 7 positions still open on the committee--shall we nominate Laura Morrison, Kevin Lewis, or others as formal ANC reps?

June: George Adams (city redevelopment services) wants to make a presentation on the next rewrite of the Land Development Code. (Hiring of the consultant has been pushed back to July.)

July: Tim could put together a neighborhood planning program with the new council members, Ricardo Soliz, and neighborhood leaders. We could also invite retiring council members Daryl Slusher and Jackie Goodman for a frank discussion of how to advance an effective neighborhood agenda.

6. Communications

- a. Announcements:
 - May 16 - Mueller informational meeting (about UT Med School request for 13 more acres?)
 - May 20 - ECT luncheon
 - May 21 - Housing summit
 - May 22 - Mueller Open House
 - June 6 - Campo meeting postponed to
 - August 2 - National Night Out (but the application info needs to be circulated now--Susan will get Rosie to post it)

- b. Sector rep issues

Mark Boyden on 200-foot water towers--see May program above.
 Donna Tieman not present, attending regional water meeting at Dripping Springs.
 Laura Morrison not present, but see New Business below, re historic zoning in OWANA.

- 7. Unfinished business
 - a. Council run-off: Jeff will write a letter encouraging all neighborhoods to vote for Margot Clarke and ANC will mail it to our latest list. Moved by Tim Mahoney (2nd Mark Boyden). Passed with no opposition.

 - b. 501c3 and political activity: The changes approved by ANC to allow political endorsements have been registered with the state and accepted. ANC lawyer **Albert ?** says ANC has lost its corporate charter. Susan will check with Will Bozeman to try to determine what happened, and Tim will also investigate through SRCC's contact.

 - c. AMD, further action: Jeff suggested a boycott of AMD products if AMD goes through with its proposal to develop the Stratus property. Susan will discuss boycott with Austin's environmental coalition. Tim will compose a press release based on last month's ANC resolution opposing the AMD move. Susan will be ANC contact on ANC press releases.

 - d. City bond election committee: See May program above.

 - e. Urban Land Institute membership: Costs more than \$400. No, ANC won't join.

- 8. New business
 - a. Removal of historic designation for Maverick-Miller House: Planning Commission last night postponed its decision till after City Council decided the zoning issue. Lin Team requested that ANC support retention of the historic designation at Thursday's council meeting. So moved by Jeff Jack (2nd Bob Swaffar). Passed with no opposition.

 - b. General meeting agenda process: Members want more lead time to consider resolutions presented at general meetings for a vote. Mark B., Dana L., and an undetermined third person will form a committee to consider.

- c. Family Eldercare summer fan drive: Susan proposed that ANC sponsor a fan drive in memory of Mary Lou Leffingwell. Passed with no opposition.
- d. AISD bond oversight: Mark B. reported that the southwest elementary school in the bond package is being fast-tracked to open in 2006, but staff won't give the oversight committee any specifics on site selection? Jeff noted that the district could use options to hold the land price, which would allow public disclosure of sites. Mark also reported on the Zilker Elem. request for a cafeteria expansion instead of the bus loop included in the AISD bond package--public hearing at the school Monday night.
- e. Co-op Radio nomination: ANC nominates Mark Boyden for the co-op steering committee or board (I didn't get the precise name of the group, but it's the first level of the three-level organizational structure, right?). Mark has till May 31 to accept or find someone else.

Adjourned about 8:45.